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For: MULTI-STAGE POLYMER COMPOSITIONS HAVING A TRIGGERED  
RESPONSE

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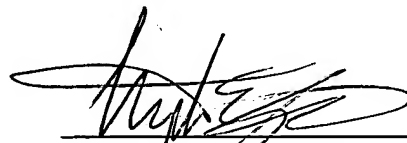
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST**

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/431,866 filed on December 9, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4).

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--Cross Reference To Related Patent Applications

This is a non-provisional application of prior pending U.S. provisional application serial number 60/431,866 filed December 9, 2002.--